





the Far West to look for his sister and the fortune his daddy has left him. We first see *Frits* in New York, and learn that he has fallen in love with a fellow female emigrant in the person of a German girl named *Katrina*, who betrays his affection, although we are not told why the single lady left the old country. While *Frits* and his lady-love are preparing to have their baggage shifted from the quay to home in the city, *Colonel Graf*, who is, morally, as black as they make them, and whose whole life seems to have been spent in collaring other people's money and ruining the reputations of all the decent looking girls he could cast his eyes on, appears on the scene. "spots" *Katrina*, and instantly makes up his mind to freeze on to her all hazards. By a roundabout process, which we need not follow in detail, the "kernel" decays *Katrina* to his house in the "Barn" of *Grimm*, who has frequently acted as the *Colonel's* legal adviser, and who, by the way, tells his old client that he makes it his business to master all his clients' secrets for the express purpose of getting them under his thumb, has a "harney" with the *Colonel* and wants him to ante up part of the capital collared at the death of "old man *Frits*" and also the old man's daughter, who has been passed off as *Mitt* *Graf*, as his wife. The *Colonel* refuses to accede to his quondam lawyer's request, and the latter, worthy vows to bring old blue blood to his senses. *Mr. Grimm* meets *Frits*, and in the course of conversation learns the reason of his coming to America, and at once jumps to the conclusion that *Frits* is the lost heir who has been robbed by the wicked *Colonel*. The lawyer sees his way pretty clearly to collaring the emigrant's sister, and boldly renounces vice in favor of virtue, declares war against his old pal *Graf*, and joins his forces with those of *Frits*. This touching part affected us wonderfully. It was so like human nature as we have found it—more especially lawyers' human nature—but this is beside the subject. *Frits* discovers that his lady-love has been taken off and is in great danger. We will not particularize this portion further than to say that it consists of locks, bolts and bars, drugged wine, promises of fine jewelry, and dresses, horses and carriages, &c., &c. (which are scornfully refused), and a fallen woman, and that *Frits* manages to obtain admission to the dove-cot where his "gal" is cooped up, turns the tables on her persecutor, and carries her off in triumph. The *Colonel* is as mad as a hatter at being hauled in his designs on *Katrina*, and vows vengeance against *Frits*. He invites the Dutchman to his country house to play and sing for the amusement of his guests; and takes the opportunity to get a charge of forgery—something else trumped up against him. While *Frits* is singing at the *Colonel's*, he plays an air which attracts the attention of his long lost sister, and having played the lullaby as a sort of test, being put up to it by old *Grimm*, gets her to converse with him about her childhood, and brings back to her recollection the memories of early days. The sister finally recognizes *Frits* and falls into his arms as her supposed father comes on the scene and gives the girl to custody. *Frits* stands his trial—his "accuser," his accuser, *Colonel Graf*, being given into custody there and then, by order of the lawyer for the defence, which last circumstance we thought rather funny. We have met many lawyers in our time, men with faces of brass and the impudence and assurance of the devil himself, but we never yet have met one who went so far as *Mr. Grimm* did last night. The *Colonel* got seven years' penal work for attempting the job on the Dutchman, and was, to our way of thinking, lightly let off for trying on such a mean and contemptible trick. *Frits* comes into his old man's money, marries his *Katrina*, and settles out in the country in the agricultural line, his sister and *Grimm* having also paired off and settled down respectably. After serving his term in the penitentiary, the *Colonel* takes to tramping the country on the vagrant racket in company with another disreputable ruffian. They drop on *Frits*'s farm, and *Graf*, finding only Mrs. F. and her little boy on the premises, burns for revenge. He ties up his old flame to a tree, sticks the youngster on the wheel of the water mill, and is about to do some very desperate deeds of plunder and bloodshed when *Frits* suddenly returns and drops the *Colonel* and his pal with one each from his six-shooter. The boy is released from the wheel before it carries him to his doom, and is rescued by certain death. *Mrs. Frits* is freed from the sack and the victory of virtue over vice is completed by the whole company singing "Schneider how you was."

board the Dundee steamer somewhere about fifteen years ago. Mr. James Maas was capital as the colored servant *Shaw*, and contributed greatly to the general success of the performance. Unless we are greatly mistaken, Mr. Maas has appeared in the "black business" before last night, his dissensions on Webster, Johnson, Shakespeare and others, showing a strong, if not a burning, cork-speech persuasion. We refrain from mentioning the actors who took part in the Court scene, or first intention towards them—considerably toned down this morning—being to search them out and kill them straight off—with something blunt. And now for the ladies. Miss Victoria Loftus was excellent as the charming *Katrina*, and acted throughout with a vivacity and "archness" that completely won the sympathies of the audience. As *Louise*, the long lost sister, Miss Florence Conliffe scored a decided success in a very small part, acting with much feeling and tender expression, especially in the recognition scene with *Frits*. Miss Minnie Nordt did all that could be done with the subordinate part of *Mary*, and Miss Dolly Loftus was an efficient *Schneider*, showing an intelligence far beyond her years. The *Mitt* *Graf* of Miss Myra Syddons was the most colorless attempt at acting we have ever seen on any stage. The lady showed no more life than is generally exhibited by a snuff-dealer's stuffed Highlander, and strongly reminded us of a plum-pudding stuck on the end of a five-foot pole. We are sorry to have to write in this strain, but we feel the lady's eyes should at once be opened to her utter incapacity for the stage. A move to some more congenial sphere of action would be a benefit conferred on a long-suffering public. The play was well mounted, with the exception of the Court scene, which was rather a shabby set-out. The incidental music was played in artistic style by Professor Blakeney and Mr. Maurice Williams, and both these artists did much to make the "wait" of a too lengthy performance pass pleasantly. "Frits" on the whole, may be termed a success, but we would strongly advise that it be not repeated without being entirely remodelled and considerably cut down. The troupe appear to-night in the ever popular "Patience," which, we think, is one of their strongest pieces, when we doubt not they will be extensively patronised. "La Mascotte" is underlined for Saturday night by the express desire of His Excellency Sir George Ferguson Bowen.

## THE WAR IN TONQUIN.

DESPERATE FIGHTING AT SONGTAI.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.)

HAIPHONG, 18th Dec, 1883.

Since I last wrote the French forces have made successful progress towards Songtai, and up to the evening of the 15th, after desperate fighting, captured all the principal defences surrounding the town. The French loss amounted to over 200 men and 15 officers killed and wounded, the greater portion wounded. The Turcos suffered the greatest loss; in fact, one company was almost entirely annihilated. Only the marine infantry and Turcos, amounting in all to about 4000 men, have been engaged, so that a very large reserve force has not yet been called upon. The Chinese losses are reported to be heavy, but of course nothing like a fair estimate can be formed just now.

The French garrison of Hui-dzung has made a reconnaissance in the direction of Bacninh, and discovered the place to be defended by only a small body of troops. This is explained by intelligence which has reached the French authorities that the garrison of Bacninh has reinforced that of Songtai.

Latest advices from our correspondent in Haiphong, up to the 16th inst., state that Admiral Courbet had everything arranged for a grand combined naval and military assault on Songtai yesterday, when it was anticipated that the town and citadel would be captured without much difficulty. The assault has, of course, taken place, and we are very anxiously awaiting news of the result.

Roving bands of marauders have been threatening Haiphong for some days past, but Commandant Coronnat, with his usual energy, has always been on the alert, and yesterday he sent out another expedition against a large band which had assembled a few miles from here, and quickly dispersed them.

## MAIL NEWS.

The following items are taken from the London and China Express of the 16th ulto.—

We notice amongst the list of names of those who have been called to the Bar by the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple, that of Mr. Thomas Lowndes Bullock, of H.B.M.'s Consular Service in China.

The third ironclad built for the Chinese Government at the Vulcan Wharves, Steettin, will be launched on the 1st prox. The ship will be christened by General von Caprivi, Chief of the German Admiralty.

The following is the text of the resolution passed by the Geographical Congress at Madrid on the 8th November, when the question of Spanish interests in Borneo was discussed.

Considering that it does not suit Spain to occupy the coast of Borneo, and that the British North Borneo Company has established itself there, this Congress is of opinion that England, who protects the company, should be requested to exert her influence in order to prevent it occupying a source of hostility to Spain, and a danger to civilisation and humanity.

A rumor recently appeared, and went the usual round of the papers, to the effect that a number of Chinese were expected to arrive very shortly in Germany for the purpose of navigating out to China the new ironclad built in the former-named country. From inquiries we have made we believe there is no truth in the report, and do not think it probable otherwise.

Mr. James Roffey, C.B., who's appointed Chief Inspector of Machinery at Chatham, entered the Navy as an assistant engineer in February, 1852. He took part in the naval operations in the China Sea in 1854, and as inspector of machinery under Lord Alcock, as was at the bombardment of Alexandria. He has visited the C.B. with the Chinese and Egyptian warships, and has been in the service of the Chinese and Egyptian warships.

tailors appear to be doing a roaring trade, all having their hands full making uniforms for the aforesaid recruits.

Mr. Cook, the mate of the German steamer *Cassandra*, on the 3rd instant fell from the main deck of the vessel to the bottom of the hold, and broke his right arm in two places. He was conveyed to the hospital in an unconscious state, but I am glad to be able to state that he is coming round nicely. The accident appears to have happened through his missing his footing while on the ladder.

The case of "Harris v. Sage" came on for hearing yesterday before R. A. Mowat, Esq., Assistant Judge. The plaintiff claimed \$200 for injuries received. It appears that the defendant, who is constable of the British Consulate, flogged the plaintiff with a teak-wood ruler some time ago. The result of the trial is that the defendant has been sentenced to pay \$200 and the costs.

The American man-of-war *Essex* arrived here yesterday from Amoy, and intends to stay here about a week. Very few British war vessels show themselves here. The last one only stayed one hour.

The *Mejoo* leaves about the 15th instant with coals for Singapore, which is a trade a large number of steamers are engaged in.—*Temperance Union*.

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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1883.

On the 28th of last month the Editor of this Journal was arraigned at the Supreme Court on a charge of having written, printed and published a false, scandalous and defamatory libel of and concerning the Honourable JOHN MCNEIL PRACE, Surveyor General of Hongkong, such alleged libel being to the effect that the said Honourable JOHN MCNEIL PRACE had been guilty of jobbery and corruption in his said office of Surveyor-General. The prosecution was conducted by Mr. J. FRANCIS, barrister-at-law—leader of the Hongkong bar, and notwithstanding certain shortcomings for which perhaps it would be unfair to hold a person of his class altogether responsible, undoubtedly one of the cleverest lawyers that ever practised in the colony—who was instructed by Messrs. BARSTON, WORTON and DIACON, one of our best known firms of local solicitors. Mr. PRACE had every thing his own way, including a special jury granted at his special request—the first time in 25 years that such a concession had been made, although frequently

The day after the termination of the trial alluded to above, a movement was set on foot by Mr. BULKLEY JOHNSON with the avowed object of obtaining a sufficient amount by public and private subscriptions to defray the legal costs incurred by Mr. PRICE in his unsuccessful prosecution. The honourable the Surveyor General may possibly be a fitting object for public charity, and if so, our common humanity, apart altogether from likes and dislikes and the question of right or wrong, would commend any truly philanthropic effort having for its aim the relief of a fellow creature, the victim of misfortune. But if this be the case, and with no other possible grounds is the *raison d'être* of this sending round the hat comprehensible, we think we are fairly entitled to take exception, "not so much to the match as to the manner of the wooing." In the local papers of the 18th inst. appears the following letter, signed by the Honourable FRANCIS BULKLEY JOHNSON and 99 other residents in this colony:—

To evidence our appreciation of the position you took up with regard to the late prosecution of Regina v. Brierley, France, and others, the manner in which you conducted the various public duties which we unanimously consider was thrown upon you, we beg you will permit us to associate with your address as to the contents of those long apologies—We have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient servants.

Now, we have—next—the least intention of disputing a right that every man is entitled to, sufficient freedom of action to be at least the master of his own opinions, and we are frank enough to candidly admit that amongst the one hundred signatures attached to the above exquisite specimen of JOHNSONIAN literature, there are some which may be taken as an honest expression of independent opinion on the question at issue in the recent libel case. Such expressions of opinion are entitled to respect, however erroneous they may be in principle and baseless in foundation, but only the independent beliefs of men of Integrity whose positions and character place them beyond the breath of suspicion, and even then, the rights of justice must not be unfairly infringed upon,

As it has appeared in the local press, the above letter is about as gross an attempt at imposition on a too credulous public as could well be imagined. In the first place it is dated December 1st, and the natural inference is that the hundred signatures were attached on that day; secondly, it pretends to be a unanimous spontaneous expression of public opinion on the subject of the late trial; and thirdly, it attempts to bolster up the ridiculous assumption that Mr. J. M. Price in his private (we will not say contemptible and malicious) prosecution of the Editor of this journal was discharging an onerous public duty. Now for the facts. On December 1st the precious document quoted above was signed by the Honourable FRANCIS BULKLEY JOHNSON and Mr. W. E. FORBES, and on the same date the Committee of the Hongkong Club (so we are credibly informed) declined to allow it to be exhibited in the club-house. Instead of being a spontaneous expression of public sympathy for an injured Government official, it was a letter written, we believe, by Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.'s office, and industriously hawked round the colonies of Hongkong by complacent retainers to the so-called "princely house." Before the hundred signatures could be obtained the colony was convulsed three separate times, and when independent men declined the pressing solicitations of worthy laborers to sacrifice their principles and honest convictions at the shrine of todayism, the scum of the town had to be resorted to. What onerous public duty

A few words as to the personnel of the hundred signatories. The list certainly contains the names of several of our leading residents—men whose honor and good faith are above suspicion—but it does not contain the amount of their contributions to the fund, nor does it indicate in any way the true reasons which induced these gentlemen to sign. That these reasons are not as set out in the address, we have received ample assurances from numbers of the signatories. There are no fewer than 17 clerks and retainers of the princely house of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON and Co. in the list, exclusive of about a brokers and others whose interests are bound up in following the lead of the all-powerful Mr. BULKLEY JOHNSON. The Directorate of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, is, of course, strongly represented, and the example of the popular Manager of that institution is also of course, followed, even by two or three specimens of his rag-tag and bobtail junior clerks. We are surprised to observe the names of several gentlemen who were absent from the colony at the time of the trial, and consequently can know nothing except by mere report, of the facts of the case. A man who knows only one side of a case, is acquainted with very little of it. The value to be placed upon the dozen Parsees who figure as sympathisers with Mr. PRICE, can best be appraised from the fact that they were personally solicited for their signatures by a Parsee broker in the employ of JARDINE MATHESON & Co., and that several of them have since admitted that they were quite ignorant of what they were signing. There is a lot more small-fry evidently anxious for publicity, but their existence, like their influence, is of such trifling

importance to anybody that it may be safely ignored. The German gentlemen who admitted their signatures would have displayed better taste by remaining neutral in a matter which had no earthly concern for them, and we make that observation, fully recognising their right to act as they think proper. It would also have been more creditable to the three or four public servants who have so far forgotten what they owe to the Government as to allow their names to appear in such a place, had they exercised a little more caution and discretion. But the height of indecency was surely reached when Mr. E. L. WOODS, one of the Jurymen at the trial, signed the address. Mr. JNO. J. FRANCIS modestly contributes his mite to assist in paying his own bill; and after seeing his name, we have concluded that Mr. JOHNSON'S letter only requires one more signature to make it complete—that of Mr. EDWARD ROSE.

It was our original intention to have analysed far more carefully than we have done, the hundred names obtained at such great trouble to console Mr. PAICE in his dark hour; but the game is really not worth the candle: At least fifty out of the hundred have taken the trouble to personally congratulate us on the result of the trial, the genuine character of this so-called public demonstration is largely discounted. Hundreds of gentlemen in the colony, in all sorts of positions, official and unofficial, civil, naval and military, from members of the Legislative Council downwards, were solicited to sign the address and subscribe towards defraying Mr. PAICE's legal expenses; and hundreds refused to do anything of the sort. It took all the influence of Mr. BULKLEY JOHNSON nearly three weeks to secure one hundred names to his subscription list, of whom more than half were vasals and retainers of the "princely house"; had a similar address been sent round for the Editor of the *Telegraph*, a thousand names would have been forthcoming in three days.

As the special jury returned a verdict in favor of the Defendant in Paris, FRANK SMITH, they were told, by the eyes of Mr. Benjamin Johnson and his fast-finding supporters, ignorant, bigotted, prejudiced, and everything else that is not nice. Had their verdict been the other way, no praise would have been enough for them. That kind of thing in political life is called finding the changes; it is, unhappily, a plant of furious growth in Hongkong. Nothing is so easily found fault with in all branches of it. A man requires no talent; no education, no brains and no character to set up the grumbling business, but the case of a persistent grumbler is not a th

So far as we are personally concerned, fortified by a self-approving conscience we can justly feel proud of having done our duty. Our experiences have not been particularly pleasant, but experience brought by suffering is instructive; it has been so to us, and we value it accordingly. Mr. BULLOCK and JOHNSON must know that deeds show what men are, words only what they should be; and he should also try to think that even he is not infallible, and to remember that a man's belief in his own infallibility is a sure road to injustice. In conclusion, to the gentlemen who signed the now famous address to the honourable the Surveyor General, we say in the words of the Latin orator *Quam ferre in- notmet legem sanctius inquam.*

LONDON, 19th December.

**THE CREDIT FOR TONQUIN.**  
The French Chamber of Deputies has approved the vote of credit for Tonquin.

**GREAT BRITAIN AND EGYPT.**  
The British Government will not intervene in the Sudan.

A REGULAR Lodge of Victoria, No. 1026, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, this evening, at 8 o'clock precisely.

A BLUE-JACKET of the *Daring*, named William Granger, who had been playing himself evidently, as shown by the cut on his cheek, was ordered by Mr. Wodehouse this morning to be sent on board his ship.

FOR stealing seven pieces of lead, worth \$4 from Messrs. Butterfield and Swire's sugar refinery at Quarry Bay, on the 15th instant, a coolie was sent up this morning by Mr. Wodehouse for three months, with hard labor.

H.M. Troopship *Orontes*, Captain Hilary G. Andros, with the relieved crews of the *Champion*, *Cleopatra*, *Daring*, *Flying Fish*, *Midge* and *Zephyr*, left the port this morning at 7 o'clock homeward bound. The relief and relieved crews of the above vessels had a grand farewell jubilee last night on board the *Orontes*, and singing was kept up briskly, under special license, till late hour.

And still they come. Another of the ever cropping-up fraternity of sarring snatchers was with us before Mr. Wadehouse this morning at the Police Court. He dispossessed a Celestial widow of her ear pendants in Queen's Road West yesterday evening, but was 'caught by a shomvi' while making tracks, the valueless being found in his palm. His Worship remanded the case to Saturday, in order that he might have Captain Thomson associated with him in the business with the view of giving the matcher a dose commensurate with the gravity of his offence.

WHILE at Tsai-ta-shui yesterday evening, Inspector Cradock, in charge of the water-poll, observed a boat crossing the harbour, very deep laden, and going in the direction of Kiang Chow. Suspecting that everything was not quite O.K., the inspector came up with the boat and found it full of gold lump Welsh coal, worth about \$500 a ton, which the boat people said they had got from a shrimping boat. He arrested the two men who, before the Magistrate this morning, said they bought the coal from two boats in the harbour for 4,000 cash. Inspector Cradock said he had no reason to doubt their story, and that was probably the coal was stolen, and sold them cheap. The quantity (16-cwt. 2-lbs.) was worth about \$5. His warrant inflicted fine \$5 and each of the two men, or 21 days hard labour. They went in.

A COOLIE, whom Inspector Quincey gave a lift in the Police Court this morning by graphics describing him as a 'man of no occupation' who constantly loitered about outside the Star Hotel, was also mixed up with the garden, with good reason, of course, and 'shape' matters. The factor melted out to him by Mr. Woodhouse, a rogue and vagabond. He was observed by a district watchman to take a sailor into the *Orinoco* up some steps on pretence of showing him a new bow-wow house, and to try to pick his pocket. Unfortunate 'Tav', at the command of the cop, gave the D. W., his friend, a punch in the teeth. The coolie was, of course, annoyed at this, and being informed of it. Recognizing, however, the influence of authority, exhibited by the district watchman, in the shape of his truncheon, the blue jacket saved in and became gentle lamb. The coolie struggled hard to get at the end the D. W. stuck to him like a leech and loosed him in the station.

A COOLIE, charged before Mr. Wodehouse this morning with attempting to prematurely join the majority by cutting his throat, pleaded insanity and illness. His worship directed the Tung-wa Hospital Committee to be requested to take charge of the unhappy man, as recommended by the Colonial Surgeon. He was suffering from a severe attack of fever when he inflicted the gash on his throat.

An old offender named Law Ahu was committed for trial at the Supreme Court this morning by Mr. Wodehouse, on the charge of stealing 30 cents worth of broken silver from the person of Fung Achang, a fishmonger. His last sentence was two years' hard labor, by the Magistrates, for stealing two dollars and a lot of broken silver from a compatriot. He seems to have "quit" a benchant for "annexing" broken silver.

ESMAIL HAGEE MAHOMED SADUCK, merchant, was fined \$25 this morning by Mr. Woodhouse for furnishing untrue particulars regarding the tenancy of a house of his in Lower Lascar Row in contravention of the Ordinance. Defendant pleaded that he left these things to his rent collector, and only went occasionally to see whether the house was occupied or not. Mr. Osmund of the Registrar General's Department, however, stated that defendant had been warned repeatedly that there was something wrong about his tenants, but he was careless and took no notice. A \$25 fine should improve matters in this respect.

A COLLISION occurred at 12.20 p.m. yesterday as the French Mail steamer *Ava*, was passing through the Yangtze river, near Shanghai, between that vessel and a Chinese junk which attempted to cross her path. From the particulars gleaned, it appears that the *Ava*, while rounding the North point of Hongkong, observed a Chinese junk, Hongkong bound, just in the act of crossing her bows. The Captain of the *Ava*, seeing that it was impossible to either evade the junk by going seaward or without the risk of losing his own vessel, running on the North point of Hongkong, chose the only alternative left him, and continued his course, striking the junk nearly amidships, cutting her in two, and causing one part of her to sink almost immediately, the other half was towed to the shore. H.M.S. Commander Hope, which was just coming at the time, lowered her boats and picked up crew of the junk, all of whom, fortunately, were saved, and placed them on the floating half of the wrecked craft. The *Ava* continued her route to Shanghai, having, apparently, sustained damage, stopping merely to enable the debris of the wrecked junk to be cleared away from her bows.

THE evening "rag," in its last night's issue, wastes a large amount of wholly unjustified and uncalled for sympathy on the cook, F. Alkan, who was discharged yesterday by magistrates, having been previously committed for trial at the Supreme Court on the charge of stealing an earring from the person of E. Lafferty, a child four years old, daughter of a lice constable Lafferty. "It certainly is seen rather hard," says the oracle, "that an innocent of any crime as it appears to us should have suffered one month's confinement simply because certain officials were unable to bestow their attention on the case sooner." With the *Mail*, would endeavor to ascertain the facts accessible to every one before it pretences to give expression to its multitudinous sympathy for one who, in our opinion, deserves the reverse. (The man did not suffer one month's confinement, as the *Mail* states, as he was limited to bail on being committed for trial or spread of last month.) We have already expressed our opinion upon this case, in our issue of yesterday, and see no reason to change it after the utterances of the lower Wyndham St. oracle, which can express undeserved sympathy for a Chinese cook, but has none to spare the poor child who had her ear torn by rough treatment she received from the unmerciful fellow.

Proceedings at the racetrack yesterday morning were not particularly lively, although the track was well patronized. There was a good attendance of spectators and the training course was thrown open for galloping. The absence of Mr. Paul, who was suffering from slight indisposition, restricted his team to trotting exercise, and thereby tends to make the morning's work far less interesting than it otherwise would have been. Owing to recent dry weather, the course is getting greatly hard in some places, and unless it rains very soon, the weak spots in the track will be a source of much suspicion of unsoundness will soon be apparent. It is only fair to the public to say that everything possible has been done to keep the track in good order.

Mr. Woodie's grey and black subspicuous griffin were the first pair on the track, and went steadily farther over, half a mile, than the going the better, at the finish. The griffin belonging to Mr. St. Vincent Gallahue very recently about a mile. Following moved from the finishing very considerably, shapely spotted Derby griffin in Mr. W. Morgan's team covered, rather in the first and last quarter at about half the named time, very good form. This pony has been named Talvo, and although rather on the side, should, with luck, develop some capability. Mr. Bromhead's pair of subspicuous griffins, after a spell of trotting, were sent to the third round, the clock registering for them three quarters—37, 73, 154. The clock could not go fast enough to fairly express their agile companion.

Mr. Morgan's finishing grey, Ewe, came once round at a steady pace, the half mile in the final quarter, at seconds. A veteran can keep this pony sound and bring him to the post fit and well, the 12 miles and will have a fair look-out for the following.

Mr. Woodin's third subscription pony pounded along steadily for half a mile, finishing with his head in his chest, and full of running. This sturdy customer must be marked dangerous for the "Hongkong griffin" races. Mr. Brownhead's black griffin, ridden by Mr. Essex; and the grey, steered by "The Ghost," started for a steady gallop once round, but the pace was funereally slow until the fun began, when they commenced to race a bit, the grey displaying decided superiority at the weights. The black pulled up lame, but after his jockey dismounted he soon got all right, and walked away apparently quite sound.

The subscription griffin lately purchased by Mr. Cappel for \$15 out of Mr. Pauls stable was ridden by his owner, and after trotting a couple of miles was sent the length of the straight full speed. This animal, full speed, if gauged by his latest exhibition, would stand no show against "Handy, Dicksha, Coolie, and all in 1." I am disposed to consider him a dear purchase at fifteen Mexican. Mr. Nobles' grey griffin cantered steadily and went in fairly good form. The dark grey subscription griffin, belonging to Mr. Morgan was shot at nearly his best pace for about a mile. This pony has lost all his form and is only a wreck of what he was a month ago. The two ponies were kept at steady work, as were El Pompey and two Derby griffins in Mr. St. Vincent's team. Little Wanock galloped slowly about the griffins. Mr. Cookhouse, who steered the griffin little chap, apparently not finishing the job. Several gentlemen, with their families, are expected to participate

Mr. Fox's team, in United above, was composed of Trotting, Monmouth, Champagne, Newmarket, Sunlight, Shamrock, Rose and several handsome grays are all looking in the bloom of health. A dun grima with a handsome, though fiddle head has greatly pleased me by his grand conformation and free style of going, and another gray of byrnes, will be worth a trial here, unless my judgment is greatly at fault. Piccadilly, the winner of the Shanghai St. Leger has been purchased by Mr. Paul, for £1,750, and senting down, so that a worthy successor to the game Tajmahal will carry the popular away stake in the long distance trial.

I hear that the St. Andrews Jockey Club will be a very strong one this season, both "grain" and "mud" will be pined, a Torpedo racing in Arroyo, and will shortly arrive here, while the best Champions winner at Foch and Roldan, as well as Merry Monk, Tolly Bird and possibly Mrs. Robin, are doubtless under orders for Hongkong. Driving Cloud, I broken down and will hardly stand another year, which is much to be regretted, the study chestnut was always at his best, Wong-nel-choe. The Kerfoot must confess study will hold a full hand if First Corner, W. Dash and Tubert have recovered from last year's mishaps, and if for one, should reluctantly see these genuine sportsmen in a reversal of the ill-fortune which so persistently dogged them last year.

Shamrock, a pony that has done good service for Mr. Paul, has been sold by that gentleman to Mr. Capel. The price paid I am informed is a very reasonable one, and as Shamrock, although not quite a top-sweyer, can both gallop fast, be caught, if properly managed, to return his purchase money with interest, first time of asking. At the recent Shamrock meeting Shamrock won the Club Cup over hurdles, beating Lucifer, the Cister and others in 3.34, and will be remembered here having cleared a bit of a scandal in Hong Kong two years ago when he easily vanquished penalized First Corner in the mile and a Town Plate, covering the distance in 3.30.

Although a full report of the floodow, was not at hand, I hear they were great success. The race for the Champagne between Bonshaw and Allegro appears to have been a tremendous one, eventually resulting in a handsome half-length victory for Mr. Rutledge in the 60. Alder's "blue and silver," Se-Valina the winner of the Champagne at Shanghai Autumn race, must have been a piece, as he never gained a winning bet during the meeting and actually lost his third race animal in the Consolation. How the mighty fall!

The indignations for the *Hawking* 5 which closed last night, say, for less than was the case last year. Some time ago was reported that several new theatricals would be represented at our theatre, and two wonderful offerings were reported to be specially reserved for the *Hawking* 5. Indeed, with such luck it might be said that St. Andrew and Mrs. Buller had only to come here and have secured a noble triumph, and that they had the effective assistance of the *Hawking* 5, Paul and the *Carthage* Mount company, finally for the great race of the year will probably be finished. *AN OLD SPORTSMAN.*

Hawking, 20th December, 1884.

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Hongkong, 15th May, 1883. [89]

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Hongkong, 1st February, 1883. [106]

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By Order of the Board,  
DOUGLAS JONES,  
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Hongkong, 22nd October, 1883. [794]

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Hongkong, 17th December, 1883. [7]

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Hongkong, 15th December, 1883. [934]

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Hongkong, 7th December, 1883. [914]

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Hongkong, 1st August, 1883. [1067]

### INTIMATION.

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Hongkong, 1st March, 1883. [108]

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Hongkong, 5th December, 1883.

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Tarantula Perfume Sets, in Nickel and Gold, and Mexican Onyx and Gilt.  
Plush and Walnut Glove and Handkerchief Boxes.  
Very Handsome Wortley Writing Cabinets, completely fitted.  
Vienna Work Baskets and Card Receivers, Satin lined and embroidered.  
Powerful Mahogany Graphoscopes.  
Combination Aneroids and Time Pieces.

Fixed Ladies' and Gentlemen's Dressing Cases.  
New Designs in Photo and Scrap Albums.  
Plush Wall Brackets and Wall Pockets.  
Photo Frames in Plush, Velvet, Ormolu, Onyx, &c.  
Cigar and Cigarette Cases, beautifully embroidered.  
Ladies' Hand Bags in Plush and Leather.  
Novelties in Fans.  
Book Slides in Walnut and Oak-Nickel Mounted.

ALL THE NEW BOOKS OF THE SEASON, INCLUDING,  
Boy's Own Annual.  
Girl's Own Annual.  
Every Boy's Annual.  
Every Girl's Annual.  
Infant's Magazine.  
Little Folks.  
Chatterbox.  
Children's Friend.  
Infant's Magazine.  
Union Jack.

BEAUTIFULLY ILLUSTRATED JUVENILE BOOKS.  
Little Ann, illustrated by Kate Greenaway.  
From do Nothing Hall to Happy Day Home, illustrated by Miles.  
A Small Selection of Magnificently bound Books for Presentation.  
Beautifully Bound Church Services, Prayer Books, Hymn Books, &c.

KELLY & WALSH—HONGKONG.  
Hongkong, 11th December, 1883. [560]

### W. BREWER IS NOW SHEWING.

A VERY Elegant Assortment of FANCY GOODS, consisting of the NEW VIENNA WICKER WORK GOODS beautifully trimmed and fitted, comprising Large Useful WORKBASKETS in entirely new shapes, lined and fitted.

WALL POCKETS & HANDBASKETS trimmed with Chiffon Gold Lace & Velvet.  
A New Stock of LADIES HAND BAGS in Plush, Satin, Russia and Morocco Leathers.  
The NEW BRASS WARE in a number of useful Articles, including: Card Trays, Watch Stands, Smokers Sets, Photograph Frames, &c., &c.

PLUSH GOODS—New Designs in Writing Cases, Ladies' Companions, fitted, Blotting Books, Photograph Cases, Large Promenade Photo Frames, &c.  
WOOD GOODS—Oak Writing Desks, Walnut Writing Desks, &c., &c.  
LEATHER GOODS—Cigar and Cigarette Cases, Pocket Books, Letter and Card Cases, Purses, Photo Albums, Writing Cases, Ball Programmes, Dressing Cases, &c.

CHRISTMAS CARDS.  
A VERY FINE LOT JUST RECEIVED.  
LETTS DIARIES.  
RUDDY OLD BLOCK.  
NEW MECHANICAL TOYS.  
W. BREWER  
QUEEN'S ROAD.  
Hongkong, 5th December, 1883. [934]

### NOW SHOWING.

CHRISTMAS TOYS AND PRESENTS, including: LADIES' PLUSH, &c., Work and Sewing Boxes, &c., &c.

LADIES' AND GENTS' DRESSING CASES, &c., &c.

LADIES' BOOKS, GENTS' BOOKS, &c., &c.

IVORY, PLUSH, and LEATHERING BOOKS, &c., &c.

NICKEL PLATED LABELS for DECANTERS, &c., &c.

NICKEL PLATED NUT CRACKERS, &c., &c.

MOUNTED CORKS with LABELS for DECANTERS, &c., &c.

PLUSH and CRYSTALLIZED FRUITS, &c., &c.

## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION OF OLD CHINESE PORCELAINS, BRONZES, JADES, &c., &c.

THE Undersigned will offer for Sale by Public Auction,

TO-MORROW,

the 21st December, 1883, the Sale commencing at 10.30 A.M., pausing at NOON, and resuming at 2 P.M.,

A VERY FINE AND EXTENSIVE COLLECTION OF OLD CHINA WARE, CURIOS, &c.

The same having just arrived in this Colony from the North of China, being a very careful and valuable collection made in Peking and the Northern Provinces of China, and comprising—

OLD MING LACQUER, OLD PORCELAINS from the MING DYNASTY, the reigns of the Emperors KANG-HI, YUNG-CHUEN and K'EN-LUNG, in FIVE COLOURED and BLUE and WHITE VASES, JARS, DISHES, PLATES, BOWLS, PURE BLACK KANG-HI and BLACK and GOLD K'EN-LUNG VASES, SANG DE BOEUF and FRAMBOISE PORCELAINS.

OLD BRONZES, BAMBOO CARVINGS, and a quantity of very fine JADE, OLD PEKIN ENAMELS [GLOISONNE] CURIOS, &c.

And some good specimens of PORCELAINS of more modern manufacture.

Catalogues will be issued previous to the Sale, and the above will be on view on THURSDAY, the 20th instant.

TERMS OF SALE—As customary.

G. R. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, 8th December, 1883. [915]

### Notices of Firms.

GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY.  
FROM To-day's Date I have taken over the MANAGEMENT of this Company's Station at Hongkong.

IWAN BERNER, Superintendent.  
Hongkong, 19th December, 1883. [944]

### NOTICE.

I HAVE this day established myself in this Colony as a SHARE and GENERAL BROKER.

S. A. JOSEPH.  
Hongkong, 12th December, 1883. [924]

### NOTICE.

I HAVE this day commenced Business at the Port of KUNGHOW as MERCHANT and COMMISSION AGENT.

R. E. BRUCE.  
Kunghow, 20th November, 1883. [903]

### Intimations.

FOR PRIVATE SALE.  
THE well-known Business of BROWN JONES & Co. Undertakers, including STOCK-IN-TRADE, &c.  
Apply to  
GEO. STAINFIELD,  
No. 6, Queen's Road East.  
Hongkong, 18th December, 1883. [943]

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.  
NOTICE.  
THE TRANSFER BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd instant until the 8th proximo, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
J. BRADLEE SMITH, Secretary.  
Hongkong, 19th December, 1883. [946]

HONGKONG & CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.  
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.  
THE FIRST CALL of \$50, payable in respect of the NEW SHARES on the 30th September, in accordance with the Special Resolution passed at the General Meeting of 5th May, 1883, MUST BE PAID into the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on or before the 31st instant, failing which the Shares will be dealt with as provided for by Clause 3 of the above named Resolutions.

By Order of the Directors,  
LOUIS HAUSCHILD, Secretary.  
Hongkong, 15th December, 1883. [928]

ROYAL YORK HOTEL.  
OLD STYNE, BROMFORD, ENGLAND.  
THE above HOTEL is centrally situated, with Suitable Rooms and ample accommodation for travellers, especially those coming from Eastern Climates, and Families and Gentlemen will find every comfort they can wish for at the above establishment.

A ROADLY, A ROADLY, A ROADLY.

CLARET & CO'S HOTEL.  
No. 10, BROOK STREET, LONDON, W.

THE above is a Commodious and Suitable HOTEL for Families and Gentlemen going home from the Far East. It is under the direct Management of Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE PRAGNELL, who spare no pains in providing their visitors with every possible comfort.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 10A, Queen's Road Central.

G. F. VOSTER, Agent.  
Hongkong, 6th December, 1883. [102]

## Shipping.

### STEAMERS.

UNION LINE.  
FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship "VENICE".

Captain Ainslie, will be despatched for the above Ports, on or about SATURDAY, the 22nd instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, 12th December, 1883. [926]

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.  
STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, AND TRIESTE.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to CALCUTTA, PERSIAN GULF PORTS, ADEN, and the MEDITERRANEAN PORTS.)  
THE Company's Steamship

"ORION".  
Captain C. Mallorich, will be despatched as above, on or about THURSDAY, the 27th instant.

For further Particulars, apply to  
MELCHERS & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, 18th December, 1883. [940]

THE AUSTRALASIA, CHINA, JAPAN AND STRAITS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.  
FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND and TASMANIA PORTS, NEW CALEDONIA and FIJI.)  
THE Steamship

"NAPLES".  
Captain Thom, will be despatched as above, on TUESDAY, the 8th January, 1884, at FOUR P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co., General Managers.  
Hongkong, 17th December, 1883. [936]

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE (Calling at PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to NEW ZEALAND, NEW CALEDONIA, TASMANIA and FIJI.)  
THE Eastern and Australian Steamship Company's Steamer

"CATTERTHUN".  
will be despatched as above on or about TUESDAY, the 8th January, 1884.

Parcels (all of which must be sent to our Office) will be received up to 4 P.M., on MONDAY, the 14th January.

Contents and Value of the Packages must be declared.  
For Freight of Passage, apply to  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, 18th December, 1883. [939]

### SAILING VESSELS.

FOR VICTORIA B.C.  
THE A. I. British Bark

"ALICE MARY".  
Davis, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, 11th December, 1883. [921]

FOR NEW YORK.  
THE 3/3 L. I. American Ship

"ONEIDA".  
Carver, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, 5th December, 1883. [905]

U. S. MAIL LINE.  
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship "CITY OF PEKING".

will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on MONDAY, the 3rd instant, at THREE P.M., taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading, Freight and other particulars, apply to the Agents, Messrs. RUSSELL & Co., 11, Queen's Road Central.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamships, subject to the following conditions:—

1. RETURN PASSAGES—Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within six months, will be allowed a discount of 20 per cent. on Return Fare, if re-embarking within one year, an allowance of 10 per cent. will be made from Return Fare.

2. RETURN PASSAGES—Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within six months, will be allowed a discount of 20 per cent. on Return Fare, if re-embarking within one year, an allowance of 10 per cent. will be made from Return Fare.

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For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 10A, Queen's Road Central.